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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Luc MONTAGNIER et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1648  
Serial No.: 08/067,148 ) Examiner: J. PARKIN  
Filed: May 26, 1993 ) Confirmation No.: 5174

For: ANTIBODIES WHICH BIND WITH PROTEINS OF HUMAN  
IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS TYPE 1 (HIV-1), AND IMMUNE  
COMPLEXES COMPRISING PROTEINS OF HIV-1 (As Amended)

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## STATUS INQUIRY

Applicants filed a Response on May 18, 2004. Applicants received the cover and summary pages of a Final Office Action dated August 12, 2004, which reference the serial number of the instant application. However, the seven pages of text of the Office Action do not refer to any of Applicants' pending claims. Rather, the text of the Office Action appears to be directed to a completely different application (09/659,029).

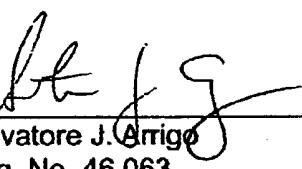
Applicants contacted the Examiner and were told that no Office Action was issued in the instant application, but that a docketing error had occurred and that he would attempt to correct the status of this application. Applicants have received no further communication from the Office.

Kindly advise applicants of the status of this application.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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